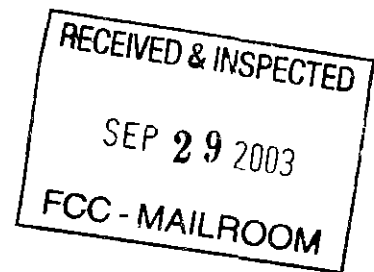




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September 25, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of
Tohono O'odham Utility Authority

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit of Charles W. Wiese certifying that Tohono O'odham Utility Authority (the "Company") is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Because the Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Company makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose and return it to the Company in the enclosed self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Wiese
General Manager

Encl.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Charles W. Wiese, General Manager of Tohono O'odham Utility Authority (the "Company") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the General Manager of the Company;
2. The Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state,
3. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
4. The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
5. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2004 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

Signature:  Date: 9-25-03

Print Name: Charles W. Wiese

Title: General Manager

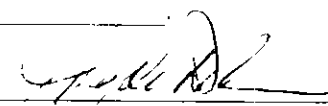
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Arizona,

on this day personally appeared Charles W. Wiese, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of September 2003.

My Commission expires 1/10/2006


Notary Public

